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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RADICAL AFRICAN STATES MEETING IN ANTANANARIVO

REF: (A) CAIRO 11224, (B) VICTORIA 382

SUMMARY. MFA AFRICAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SIDKI VERY INTERESTED IN RADICAL CONFERENCE OPENING IN ANTANANARIVO MAY 17. GOE APPARENTLY WISHES TO AVOID FURTHER ROUGH HANDLING AT HANDS OF RADICALS SIMILAR TO DAKAR ISLAMIC MEETING AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO DEPARTMENT OR ANTANANARIVO COULD PROVIDE. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA AFRICAN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AHMED SIDKI INFORMED EMBOFFS MAY 17 THAT GOE VIEWS WITH CONCERN CONFERENCE OF RADICAL STATES AND PARTIES SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN ANTANANARIVO MAY 17. SIDKI SAID CONFERENCE HAD BEEN ARRANGED DURING APRIL 27-29 CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVE PARTIES IN SEYCHELLES AND INCLUDES FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS: ALGERIA, LIBYA, MOZAMBIQUE, GUINEA BISSAU, CONGO, ANGOLA, BENIN, GUINEA, CAPE VERDE, AND MADAGASCAR.
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OBSERVERS INCLUDE TANZANIA, SEYCHELLES, COMORROWS (NEW GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY FULFILLING PLEDGE BY PREDECESSOR TO ATTEND), MAURITIUS (OPPOSITION PARTY), AND REUNION (LIBERATION MOVEMENT).

2. SIDKI SAID GOE BELIEVES ANTANANARIVO CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO COORDINATE RADICAL AFRICAN STRATEGY PRIOR

TO NONALIGNED PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM. GOE PARTICULARLY UNEASY BECAUSE ALGERIA AND LIBYA APPARENTLY DREW UP AGENDA.

3. COMMENT: AFTER ROUGH HANDLING GIVEN GOE DELEGATION AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN DAKAR, GOE UNDOUBTEDLY ANXIOUS DETERMINE RADICAL NONALIGNED AND AFRICAN STRATEGIES IN ORDER TO AVOID FUTURE EMBARRASMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SIDKI REQUESTED THAT WE PASS ON ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ANTANANARIVO CAN OBTAIN CONCERNING CONFERENCE. SIDKI IS EXTREMELY BUSY AND USUALLY UNAVAILABLE TO DIPLOMATS BELOW AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, BUT HAS GIVEN FREELY OF HIS TIME AND ASSESSMENTS DURING FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH POLCOUNS ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF. WOULD THUS APPRECIATE AS DETAILED READOUT AS POSSIBLE ON PROCEEDINGS ATANTANANARIVO TO PASS TO SIDKI. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE ON APRIL MEETING IN SEYCHELLES (REF B). EILTS

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